

# THE PAS

CANADA

*GATEWAY TO  
NORTHERN MANITOBA'S  
VACATION LAND*



"HUNTER'S REWARD"

*North  
of  
53*



"THE WHOPPER"

CENTRE OF

FISHING

TRAPPING

LUMBERING

HUNTING

MINING

FARMING



### THE PAS FROM THE AIR

The Pas, a town, population nearly 4,000 offers visitors accommodations not usually anticipated in regions so far North. There are numerous hotels and rooming houses.

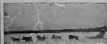


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CHILDREN'S POOL



### WORLD CHAMPION

The late Emile St. Godard and winning team

There are seaplane landing facilities at Grace Lake 2 miles from the town and a modern landing field 17 miles out at Clearwater Lake. The latter handles pontoon planes, as well as wheel traffic up to and including B-29's. At this modern airport, the Dept. of Transport operates a hanger service as well as up to the minute weather reports.

The town has daily C.P. Air Line service, as well as daily C.N.R. train service. Motorists will travel on all weather roads (pavement and gravel).

The Pas is famous for its fur for its fish, for its lumber. It is well known in sporting circles. The Dog Derby Days, have been recently revived in the form of an Annual Trappers' Festival.

Winters are cold but provide excellent natural ice. Each year The Pas Curling Club sponsors a "Friendly Bonspiel". Many intertown games of hockey are played.

Summers provide long sunny days for all types of sports.

## TOURIST INFORMATION

The Pas Chamber of Commerce maintains a tourist information bureau in the Bus Depot where information may be obtained either by a personal call or by letter. Literature and information of particular interest to visitors, hunters and fishermen is available at this bureau which is open every day of the week except Sundays.

No. 10 Highway has been extended through to Cranberry Portage. This opens to the motorist territory previously accessible only by rail. During 1949 a further extension is being planned to the famous mining centre, Flin Flin.

Tourists while in The Pas should see the Carrot River Farmland district, the Sawmill, Grace Lake airport, the main airport at Clearwater Lake, and the Lake Resort, the historic Anglican Church, the Indian Reservation, the Henry Kelsey Cairn and the private collection of our well-known naturalist, Mr. Sam Waller.



MAIN AIRPORT

## HISTORY GEOGRAPHY

Indications are that The Pas was a village hundreds of years ago. The Town Historian tells us that this year we celebrate the 200th anniversary of La Verendrye's establishment of a trading post. Hudson traders moved in through the present Bay Route years ago, crossing the Pasqui Hills west of here to the broader Western Plains. The Pas was then known as Pasquayah.

The various religious missions have left their marks, by establishing educational, religious and medical facilities, which the town and district may justly be proud to have and to own.

The Pas has a bright future in store. It must continue to be The Gateway for it is situated on a height of land which affords the only good land route into Northern Manitoba. Being situated on the Saskatchewan River, it has plenty of good water, and all the facilities that go to make a large centre. As trade increases, it no doubt will reach the status of a western city.



## MOOSE

### BIG GAME

The Pas and district provide big game hunters a choice of moose, deer, barren land caribou, and woodland caribou; a combination of four animals, rarely found in one district. At present there is a closed season on wood and caribou. Tourists might encounter big game on the main highways. Very few hunters go home disappointed, for if they miss a deer or moose in this area, a trip up the Bay Line will assure them of a barren land caribou. Hunters may use their own car, hire a bombardier in the late fall, or use the waterways for transportation. For better hunting the local Tourist Bureau are endeavouring to set up a registered guide service.



## MIGRATION OF CARIBOU

**FREEZING SERVICE**—Several firms cater to hunters. They will clean game, pack fish and render service usually obtained in locker plants.

### SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Boats, motors, fishing tackle, lines, shells and rifles are usually available in The Pas if they are obtainable on the regular market. Local men know what you need. They will be glad to give you expert service.

## FISHING

Our northern lakes and rivers provide the best in fishing. Where else can fishermen find more variety than in the cool fresh water lakes and rivers of northern Manitoba?

The Saskatchewan and the Pas Rivers afford excellent Walleyes and Northern Pike as well as Goldeyes, right on our back door step. Within 17 miles of The Pas a fisherman may set a world's record with a giant Lake Trout or a huge Northern Pike, caught in Clearwater Lake, our famous summer resort, in the Germantown Forest Reserve area.

Radiating 50 miles north, a fisherman may have his choice of a chain of lakes, The Three Cranberries, Elbow Lake, as well as Achipapukew, where lake Trout and Pickerel and Northern Pike abound.

Enroute to Churchill, accessible by rail and air, the Gillam area Speckled Trout anxiously wait for the Fly or Bait-caster. Grayling are found in the Churchill and its tributaries, along with Arctic Char as you near Churchill.

At Churchill we have Wilts Whaling, the tarpon Fishing of the North, which is fast growing in popularity and is a sport second to none.

Spring break up comes during the latter part of May. Fishermen should check with their tourist camps for information before coming in.



A Test Catch of Lake Trout



White Whale



**"TRANQUILLITY"**

## **NORTHERN WATERS**

The lakes of northern Manitoba are the answer to every holiday quest. Long, sandy spruce sheltered bays make excellent summer resorts. Deep fresh water means large healthy Lake Trout. New roads will continue to open holiday havens. Here will be your opportunity to fish in virgin lakes and streams.



## **BROWN BEAR**

Are also taken on Big Game licenses. For other game information apply the Dept. of Game and Fish, The Pas. They will forward yearly regulations on request.

## DUCKS and GEESE

Ducks Unlimited have provided breeding grounds, by flooding thousands of acres of land around The Pag and district.

Here the famous Canada Hinker, as well as Laughlin, Grey, Hudson and Snow Geese start their migration south on the Mississippi Flyway. Hunters are assured of an early bag.

Duck shooting, either marsh or stubble, awaits the hunter. Mallards, Pintails, Teals, Red Heads and others abound. The season opens in mid-September and closes in late October. The grain fields are accessible by car, and boats are available for access to marshes and inland lakes.



PELTS FOR MARKET



FROZEN TIMBER WOLF

Wolves are a serious menace to Deer, Moose, Caribou and Cattle. These large, vicious, sure-killers, are on the increase in northern areas. Higher bounties are being advocated as a means of controlling their numbers, and thereby protecting big game for the sportsman.



## TREATY TIME

# THE CREE INDIAN

(The True Native)

Visitors will notice numerous Cree Indians on the streets of The Pas, because we have an Indian Reservation on the north shore of the Saskatchewan River, and we also have the Indian Office for the northern area in The Pas. The Chief and Councillors of the many bands meet regularly and consult with the Fur Advisory Board and other heads of departments. Once a year is treaty time, when the various communities are visited by plane. They receive cash, supplies, medical and dental care.

At the main airport, a much needed service, a T. B. Sanatorium for Indians and Eskimos has recently been established. The lot of the Indians is a good one. Higher prices for Fur and Fish and the general prosperity of the community allows the local bands to fare very well.



Son of an Indian Chief  
in the Trappers Festival Parade  
January, 1948





## THE GATE TO THE NORTH

### THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

This railroad starts at The Pas and extends 510 miles to the Port of Churchill, (Western Canada's only Atlantic seaport and closest out let to Europe). This railway is truly a remarkable feat of engineering. Enroute, it goes through muskeg, clay ridges, the Precambrian shield, the desolate barren lands. Through this region the track is built on 175 miles of permanently frozen ground. The track twice crosses the mighty Nelson River, as well as other rivers, requiring numerous bridges. One of these, the Kettle Rapids Bridge, is an outstanding structure.

The Line passes through country that has a tremendous amount of water power. White Mud Falls and others on the Churchill River are capable of producing some 4million H. P.

From 250 to 300 people are required to maintain the service. It carries 15,500 passengers yearly, hauls some 900 tons of mining supplies, 1200 tons of pulp, 2,000 tons of fresh and frozen fish 7 million feet of lumber, and some 5 million bushels of wheat. The two latter are loaded in 15 boats which dock at Churchill during August, September and October.

Besides catering to a mixed population of Eskimo, Indian, metis and white in its normal activities, the railway goes all out to oblige tourists. The famous train will stop anywhere, for a speckled trout fisherman near Gillam, or for the big game men who might get a moose at Wabowden, or for the barren land caribou hunter, who must make his exit when the herd crosses the tracks, enroute to their winter pasture lands some 100 miles north of The Pas. A train stop is made at Clearwater Lake resort, 17 miles out of The Pas, famous for its lake trout and summer homes.

The train trip from The Pas to Churchill and return can be made in three days.



CHURCHILL HARBOUR



**BOMBARDIER**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is big business in the north. Winter freezing and spring break-up delay even the aeroplane. In the between season, muskeg and lakes are unpredictable, and many Caterpillar drivers have gone under or had to swim for it, when the ice gave away under the heavy freight loads.

Water seems to the casual observer to make up a large part of Manitoba's map. Water roads to the Atlantic via Hudson Bay. Canoes, and motors are seen everywhere, a few landing barges, and the odd stern wheeler. While water routes are indirect they serve many of the outlying points in summer. The airplane, being the newer and more direct method used by trappers and miners, is fast replacing slower forms of travel. Pontoon planes are used for this type of flying, and skis in winter.

Over-land routes are covered by snow shoe and dog team. Then comes the snowmobile for lighter loads and faster trips, as well as the latest in streamlining, the Bombardier, which is the most recent answer for comfortable speedy travelling in sub-zero weather.



**SNOWMOBILE**

## MINING

A quarter of Northern Manitoba from The Pas to the Northwest Territories, from Saskatchewan border to Hudson Bay, lies in the Pre Cambrian Shield. A large mineral wealth lies in this area.

The mining recording office is located in The Pas for the district north, and as this vast area is developed, The Pas will prosper. At present there are three producing mines in this area, the Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting property at Pin Point, and the Sherritt Gordon Mines Ltd property at Sheridan. Another property, the Howe Sound Exploration Co. Ltd, north of Herb Lake near Mile 21 H. B. Ry, made it's production debut in the spring of 1949. A nickel mine is in process of being develop'd at Lynn Lake. Wild catting is not uncommon. Recent rumors indicate there are more valuable minerals than formerly anticipated.



PLANES OF THE MANITOBA  
FORESTRY SERVICE

## COMMUNICATION

Telephone and telegraph service run through to Churchill and radio telephone connects outlying districts. Two way radio service is used daily by Tom Lemb, local Muskrat and Beaver Rancher, in his many activities, as well as by the Manitoba government. We also have two Ham operators, in case some one would like to try getting them. Their call numbers are VE4YR and VE4DS.



A FARMING SCENE

## FARMING

It may seem strange to find farming carried on so far to the north. There are 20,000 acres of good farm land already opened up, half of which are under cultivation. Mixed farming prevails in Hall's Island district east of The Pas and in the Carrot River Valley to the west. Another 20,000 acres of suitable farm land are open for settlement. Much hay is baled and shipped.

The farmers have a unique problem, which local sportsmen would like to see solved—Their crop land is the first grain that northern geese and ducks hit while migrating south. The damage is heavy and more than one individual can stand. Types of insurance have been suggested by the local Game and Fish Assoc. or direct help from Ducks Unlimited, who were conserving wild life before the farmer came.



SNOW BELLES

## LUMBERING

This is a big industry in The Pas, for though timber is getting less, the local mill which has operated for some 35 years is still going strong. Logs are floated by water from over a 100 miles and visitors will see the flat bottom Stern Wheeler of the old days in service daily, up the Saskatchewan River and into the Carrot River, making log booms to the big saw mill in the town of The Pas. The district loads out some 30 million feet of Western White Spruce yearly, and hundreds of cars of pulp wood and products such as toboggans, core boxes for miners, and fish boxes. Many small portable types of mills operate in the district; they all help to swell the quota required for shipping to Canadian, American and English markets.



LOG BOOM

### GOING NORTH?

While No. 10 Highway to Flin Flon is under construction (1949) it may be travelled as far north as Cranberry Portage.



THE WATERWAY

## NEW FISH HATCHERY

Lakes of Manitoba will be stocked from the new Fish Hatchery, that is being established on Clearwater Lake near The Pas.

## COMMERCIAL FISHING

Besides offering a Paradise for the sporting angler, this district is the centre of commercial fishing. Two large fishing companies operate in the area, and yearly export thousands of tons of fresh and frozen fish to Canadian and American markets.

Planes, boats, caterpillar tractors, and Bombardiers transport fish to rail heads. Lakes are closely supervised by the Government to maintain a proper balance between commercial and sporting interests.

## AURORA BOREALIS

"NORTHERN LIGHTS"

A brilliant nocturnal radiance often suffusing the sky of high northern latitudes, is seen in all its magnificence North of 53°. Southern visitors will be spell bound by their beauty and dancing radiance.



KETTLE RAPIDS BRIDGE

## TRAPPING

Money derived from fur has played a big part in the development of The Pas and it will continue to be a big source of revenue for years to come. The provincial government has raised water levels to a point where muskrats are assured a constant water supply in the way that the industrious beaver has done for himself.

Registered traplines are supervised by the Game Branch office, located at The Pas. A special system of trapping has been set up for muskrat trappers. The catch is sold through the government, monthly cheques sent out, thus providing a steady income for the community. Some private leases are held by people who pioneered the field. Beaver, fox, mink, otter and many types of fur too numerous to mention are offered to local buyers, and to the Public Auction at Winnipeg each year.



MUSKRAT PELTS



BEAVER ENROUTE TO SOUTH AMERICA

# Travel To The Pas By ROAD — RAIL — AIR Winter Or Summer

